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## Ashley Raps Withdrawal Of Invitations to Negroes

Associated Press

Withdrawal of invitations to a dinner for two Negroes invited to a dinner for distinguished Virginians was protested by Rep. Thomas L. Ashley (D-Ohio) yesterday.

Ashley wrote Gov. Thomas B. Stanley of Virginia "to protest Virginia's shocking treatment of two of her distinguished citizens, Ella P. Stewart of Toledo, Ohio, and Dr. Clillian B. Powell of New York City."

Reports from Richmond said yesterday a third Virginia-born Negro, St. Clair Drake, a professor at Roosevelt University, Chicago, has received an invitation. He said he would attend unless the invitation is withdrawn by the Governor.

"Their original invitation to attend the 'distinguished Virginians' dinner on May 17, issued over your official signature," Ashley wrote Stanley, "was an earned tribute to Mrs. Stewart and Dr. Powell."

"The preemptory withdrawal of these invitations can only be considered a direct and

deliberate assault upon the dignity of two outstanding Americans," he added.

"For no other reason than their color, they have been singled out, discriminated against, and held up to the Nation as unworthy of recognition by their native state."

In Richmond, a Virginia State Chamber of Commerce official came up with a plan on what to do about the invited and then uninvited Negro guests to its party May 17.

The plan: Receive them courteously and seat them.

This was the view expressed by the Chamber's Executive Director Verbon Kemp.

Kemp emphasized that this will be his recommendation as to procedure, but that a final decision will not be made until after consultation with elected officers of the organization.

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